

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,</b>  <div style="text-align: center;"><b>Plaintiff,</b></div>  <div style="text-align: center;"><b>vs.</b></div>  <b>MELECIO GARCIA RANGEL,</b>  <div style="text-align: center;"><b>Defendant.</b></div>	) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) )	<b>8:06CR271</b>  <b>REPORT AND</b>  <b>RECOMMENDATION</b>  <b>ON GUILTY PLEA</b>
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On February 6, 2007, defendant Melecio Garcia Rangel (Rangel), together with his counsel, Donald L. Schense, appeared before the undersigned magistrate judge. Victoria Funes, a certified interpreter in the Spanish language, served as the interpreter by remote telephone hook-up. Rangel was advised of the charges, the penalties and the right to appear before a United States District Judge. After orally consenting to proceed before a magistrate judge, Rangel entered a plea of guilty to Counts I and II of the Indictment.

After being sworn, Rangel was orally examined by the undersigned magistrate judge in open court as required by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11. Rangel also was given the advice required by that Rule. Finally, Rangel was given a full opportunity to address the court and ask questions.

Counsel for the government and counsel for Rangel were given the opportunity to suggest additional questions by the court. Moreover, both counsel orally certified that they were of the opinion that the plea was knowing, intelligent and voluntary, and that there was a factual basis for Rangel's plea of guilty to Counts I and II of the Indictment.

Therefore, I find and conclude that: (1) the pleas are knowing, intelligent, and voluntary; (2) there is a factual basis for the pleas; (3) the provisions of Rule 11 and any other provisions of the law governing the submission of guilty pleas have been complied with; (4) a petition to enter a plea of guilty, on a form approved by the court, was completed by Rangel, Rangel's counsel and counsel for the government, and such petition was placed in the court file; (5) the plea agreement is in writing and is filed in the court file; (6) there were no other agreements or stipulations other than as contained in the written plea agreement.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED TO JUDGE LAURIE SMITH CAMP that:**

1. She accept the guilty plea and find the defendant, Melecio Garcia Rangel, guilty of the crime set forth in Counts I and II of the Indictment to which Rangel tendered a guilty plea;
2. She accept the written plea agreement with the understanding that the court is not bound by the parties' stipulations, but may with the aid of the presentence report, determine the facts relevant to sentencing.

**ADMONITION**

Pursuant to NECrimR 57.3 any objection to this Report and Recommendation shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court within ten (10) days after being served with a copy of this Report and Recommendation. Failure to timely object may constitute a waiver of any such objection. The brief in support of any objection shall be filed at the time of filing such objection. Failure to file a brief in support of any objection may be deemed an abandonment of the objection.

DATED this 6th day of February, 2007.

BY THE COURT:

s/Thomas D. Thalken  
United States Magistrate Judge